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Electric coffee maker with through-flow water heater - has main and auxiliary switches for heating resistance with associated display lights

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Abstract:

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The coffee maker has a through-flow water heater (7) using a heating resistance (1) also thermically coupled to a hot plate.. The heating resistance is directly coupled to the voltage source (5) at one side and at the other side it is coupled to the voltage source (5) via a pair of series switches (10, 12).

A control light (15) is operated upon closure of the first switch (10). A second control light (18) is operated by closure of the second switch (12) which is incorporated in an auxiliary current lead (11)

incorporating a power reduction element (14') for the heating resistance (1).

ADVANTAGE - Allows operation of through-flow heater at lower power rating for brewing smaller quantities.

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A beverage brewer comprising an electrically flow-through heater (7) and a heating resistor (1) thermally coupled to said heater and to a warming plate, said heating resistor having a first lead (6) directly connected to a first terminal (4) of a power source (5) via an electric conductor (3), and a second lead (2) adapted to be connected to a second terminal (13) of the power source (5) by means of a first (10) and a second (12) switch via either a main conductor (9) or a secondary conductor (11), a first pilot lamp (15) having a first lead (16) connected to the electric conductor (3) and a second lead (17) adapted to be connected to the second terminal (13) of the power source (5) by closing the first switch (10), the secondary conductor (11) including a switching element (14') for reducing the heating power of the heating resistor (1), characterised in that the second lead (17) of the first pilot lamp (15) is dead-ended in the open condition of the first switch (10) and is not connected to the main conductor (9) until the first switch (10) is closed, and that a second pilot lamp (18) is provided having a first lead (19) connected to the electric conductor (3) and a second lead (20) dead-ended with the second switch (12) in the open position, and is not connected to the secondary conductor (11) until the second switch (12) is closed.

US 4994641 A

The beverage brewer has an electric flow-through heater operable in two power steps. The two pilot lamps (15, 18) light up when the flow-through heater is operated at its upper and respectively, lower power step. Alternatively the first pilot lamp (15) indicates the ON condition of the flow-through heater and the second pilot lamp (18) lights up when it is operated at its lower power step. In both cases the second lead (20) of the second pilot lamp (18) is dead-ended when the second switch (12) is open, and is not connected to the secondary conductor (11) until the second switch (12) closes. USE - E.g. filter coffee maker.

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